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SUBJECT: JORDAN RE: UN CONVENTION TO BAN HUMAN CLONING

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[11](#). (U) On August 27, poloff delivered reftel points to Ayman Aamiri, Deputy Director of the Office of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Aamiri said the MFA would study our points and consult with other relevant government bodies.

[12](#). (U) On September 1, econoff shared with Dr. Sa'ad Kharabsheh, Director General of Primary Health Care for the Ministry of Health, U.S. support of an international convention calling for a comprehensive ban on human cloning. Kharabsheh, the leading Jordanian government policy advisor on health issues, said that while generally speaking, the government was against human cloning, there was presently no clear policy regarding the upcoming UNGA committee meeting. He said the newly-updated public health law has a provision stating that the Ministry of Health (MOH) will regulate all cloning issues pertaining to public health, but said that this very general statement was an indication that "this difficult subject has not yet been tackled" by the government.

[13](#). (U) Kharabsheh offered that it was his opinion that the Koran would not specifically prohibit cloning as long as it "would benefit humanity", but noted that human cloning as a method of harvesting organs to benefit individuals would be an "unethical misuse" of research and thus not allowed. He agreed to consult other MOH officials and relay the government's position to us.  
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